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Drinking water wells

* 468 *Q.*—Sri A. GOVINDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of drinking water wells constructed under the Local Development Scheme in Class I and Class II Panchayats in 1957–58;

(*b*) the number of pressure pump-sets sanctioned under the Local Development Scheme for the supply of drinking water through street mains in 1957–58; and

(*c*) how many of them are in good working condition?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Forty wells in Class I Panchayats and 437 wells in Class II Panchayats were constructed in 1957–58 under the Local Development Works Programme.

(*b*) Forty-two pressure pump-sets were sanctioned in 1957–58 under the Local Development Works Programme.

(*c*) Of the 42 pressure pump-sets sanctioned, 34 are in good condition, 6 works are in progress and 2 motors are out of order.

Marudayar

* 469 *Q.*—Sri S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to utilize for irrigation purposes waters in Marudayar at any place outside Tiruchirappalli district?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : The detailed investigation of the scheme for the utilization of the Marudayar waters has not yet been made. It cannot therefore be stated whether the waters will be utilized outside the Tiruchirappalli district.

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*** 470 *Q.*—Sri P. G. MANICKAM :** *கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—*

(அ) ஊட்டியிலிருக்கும் ஆரன்மோர் அரண்மனையை (**Aranmore Palace in Ootacamund**) சென்னை சர்க்கார் விலைக்கு வாங்கி இருக்கிறார்களா ?

(ஆ) விலைக்கு வாங்கியிருந்தால் கிரயத்தொகை எவ்வளவு ?

(இ) என்னென்ன காரியங்களுக்காக இந்த அரண்மனையை உபயோகப்படுத்த சர்க்கார் திட்டமிட்டிருக்கின்றனர் ?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The price is being finalised.

(*c*) The Government have decided to maintain the Aranmore Palace as a first-class Guest House with catering arrangements.